

Mr. Parker presented the remonstrance of the citizens of Houston county, which, on motion of Mr. Parker, was referred to the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act, authorizing persons, who have received donation certificates under the provisions of "an act granting lands to those who were in the battle of San Jacinto and other battles,"—approved, Dec. 20th, 1837—to alienate said certificates, and the lands acquired under them, together with the report of the Committee on the Judiciary thereon, proposing an amendment, was read—the yeas and nays were called, on the adoption of the report, and stood thus:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Grimes, Jewett, M'Rae, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, and Williams—15.

Nays—Messrs. Gage, Parker, and Wootten—3.

So the report was adopted.

Mr. Gage offered the following as a substitute for the caption: "An Act for the benefit of Land Speculators"—rejected.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend by inserting after the word "person" the following words: "Except Jesse Walling, John C. Walling, Robert W. Smith, and Jacob Lewis"—rejected, and bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Bourland, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Friday, 10 o'clock, A.M. }
January 28th, 1848. }

The Senate was called to order by the President. The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Jewett presented a communication from B. Gillespie, Esq. relative to the digest of the laws, which was, on motion of Mr. Jewett, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Abbott made the following report:

Committee Room,
January 28th, 1848.

Hon. JOHN A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills have instructed me to report, that "An act to make Robert Franklin Miller the lawful heir of Solomon Miller," and "An act to declare the name of Beazley, son of Marcelleat Dugat, and also to legitimate said Beazley," have been correctly enrolled—said acts were also transmitted to the Governor on the 27th inst, for approval.

W. C. ABBOTT, Chairman.

Mr. Dancy, chairman of the Committee on State Affairs, made the following reports:

Committee Room,
Jan. 28, 1848.

J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on Affairs of State to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to prescribe the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas;" after considering the same. have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate without amendment, and recommend its passage.

JON W. DANCY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Jan. 28th. 1848.

J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on affairs of State; to whom was referred, "a bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act entitled an act to prescribe the time of the biennial meeting of the Legislature of the State of Texas" after considering the same, have instructed me to report, that they deem it inexpedient to pass the bill, as another bill proposing to amend said act, has been recommended for passage, and the committee request me to ask that the accompanying bill be laid upon the table.

JON W. DANCY, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Jan. 28th, 1848.

J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred "an act to incorporate the German Texian Friendship Association of Galveston," have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to report, that an act approved 30th January, 1845. "to authorize the appointment of Trustees in certain cases," will enable the individuals mentioned in this bill, to accomplish the object proposed by its passage, by the appointment of Trustees, they, therefore, request me to return the bill to the Senate and ask, that it may be laid upon the table.

JON W. DANCY,
Chairman.

Mr. Gage made the following report.

Committee Room,
January 28th 1848.

HON. J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate:

The special committee to which was referred the following bills, viz:

"A bill to be entitled an act, authorizing holders of Promissory Notes, Bonds, Funded debt, Audited Claims, or any other recognized claim against the Republic of Texas, to surrender the same, and receive in lieu thereof land scrip."

A bill to be entitled an act providing for ascertaining and classifying the debt of the late Republic of Texas.

"And a bill to be entitled an act to provide for ascertaining the public debt of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to return said bills, with the accompanying substitute therefor, and recommend it to the favorable consideration of the Senate.

D. GAGE, Chairman.

Mr. McRae introduced a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William K. Melton; read first time.

Mr. Clark introduced a bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Van Zandt; read first time.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate and establish Guadalupe College; read third time and passed.

By the following yeas,

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Dancy, Jewett, McRae, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, and Wootten—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Bourland, Gage and Grimes—3.

A bill to be entitled an act to create a lien on domestic vessels for supplies and materials furnished them, and for repairs and labor done thereon; read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Galveston to appoint Firemen, and to exempt the same from Militia and Jury duty; read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the laws of the late Republic of Texas, creating a board of medical censors; read third time and passed.

Joint Resolutions requesting the Senators and Representatives of Texas, in the Congress of the United States to protest against the relinquishment of the Mexican Provinces or States conquered by, and in possession of the United States, without indemnity, and also to protest against any law which shall be intended to prevent the citizens of slave holding States from taking their property with them, in emigrating to said acquired territory; read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing persons who have received donation certificates under the provisions of "an act granting lands to those who were in the battle of San Jacinto and other battles" approved December 20th, 1837, to alienate said certificates and the lands acquired under them; read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to locate the county seat of Navarro county, together with the report of the committee on counties and county boundaries thereon, was read.

Mr. Jewett moved to amend, by striking out "first of February" and inserting "first of March" in first section.

Adopted.

And bill passed to a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and require the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to receive gold and silver, at the rate of one dollar thereof, for five dollars in Texas Promissory notes, for all government dues, upon land and patents for land" together with the report of the select committee thereon, offering amendments was read; and report adopted.

Mr. Grimes moved to refer the bill to a select committee.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Perkins the bill was laid upon the table.

A bill to be entitled an act for the incorporation of the city of Laredo, together with the report of the select committee thereon, offering amendments, was read, and report adopted.

Mr. Phillips moved to amend by striking out "Nueces" and inserting "Webb" in section 9,

Adopted.

Mr. Clark moved to amend by striking out the word "and" wherever it occurs, before the enacting clause of each section.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the word "offence" in last line in section 5th was stricken out; and the bill passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the rule was suspended, bill read third time and passed.

The report of the committee on the Judiciary on the petition of Thomas Cox, was read and adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent Justices of the Peace and Clerks of the District, County and Probate Courts, from issuing executions for costs only, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary thereon; offering an amendment was read; report adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of McKinney and Williams, reported by Mr. Bache, Chairman of a Joint select committee; was read first time.

Mr. Phillips, by leave, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend the first section of an act supplementary to "an act regulating the sale of runaway slaves" approved January 27th; 1844; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Brashear, the Senate adjourned, until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock

Saturday 10 o'clock, A. M.
January 29th, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Navarro, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House of Representatives,